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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS AND DIRECTOR, PSB

SUBJECT: Department of State Recommendations with Respect to Agenda No. 4.

(PSB D-30) Status Report on the National Psychological Effort and First Progress Report of the Psychological Strategy Board.

The PSB Report on the Status of the National Psychological Effort begins (pp 1 and 2) with two "general conclusions" which it is stated the "Board desires to emphasize". The first relates to an agreed over-all strategic concept and the second to the absence of fully developed plans for the implementation of national policy.

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These matters have /the subject of intensive study in a Panel of the PSB in which the member agencies have participated, and a paper is now in preparation which indicates that it is not possible nor desirable at the present time to attempt to formulate an agreed over-all strategic concept.

It is therefore recommended that the two "general conclusions" on pages 1 and 2 of the Status Report be deleted.

A. The statement on page 4 of the PSB Status Report, in paragraph numbered 4, which refers to "U. S. acceptance of the colonial policies of its NATO allies" is unhappily worded. The U. S. has not "accepted" the colonial policies of its allies. The difficulty is that its close relations with its NATO partners tend to cause an identification of the U. S. with their colonial policies.

B. It is recommended that the phrase quoted above be revised to read:

"U. S. identification with its NATO allies which makes it difficult for the U. S. to avoid the psychological effects of the colonial policies of those allies."

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